Financial Assistance for Modernisation of Powerlooms in Madhya Pradesh

1565. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Govt. have received any proposals from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for financial assistance for modernisation of powerlooms in the state;

(b) if so, details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) the details of financial assistance provided for the purpose during the year 1993-94 and proposed to be provided during the year 1994-95 to each unit, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) There has been no formal proposal from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for provision of financial assistance for modernisation of powerloom units in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) There is no provision in the central budget for this in the Annual Plan of 1993-94 and the Annual Plan of 1994-95 has not been finalised.

The Quota Policy on Garments

1566. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new quota policy announced recently for the term 1994—96 is mainly in favour of big exporters;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a significant segment of garment exporters has expressed serious reservations on the new policy and termed as a sell-out to big export lobby;

(c) whether there is a valid rationale behind the new policy; and

(d) whether Government propose to rectify the short-comings in the new policy and make it a level playing ground for both the big and small exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) The new long term Garment Export Entitlement Distribution Policy for 1994—96 was announced by the Government after carefully examining the various recommendations of the Task Force constituted for this purpose. The Policy was designed for the systematic development of the entire garment export trade and has no bias towards any loddy. Tre Policy has been welcomed by the garment exporting community in general Government had received suggestions for amending certain provisions of the Policy from certain garments of the trade. These suggestions have been examined by the Government but have not been found acceptable.

Demand to Increase the Support Price of Cocoons in Jammu & Kashmir

1567. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that silk cocoon growers particularly those from the Jammu & Kashmir State have repeatedly approached the sericulture department to increase the support price of the cocoons;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the neglect on the part of Government has caused great hardship to the growers leading to fall in the trade over the years;

(c) if so, the reasons for not revising the support price; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) An Hon'ble Member of Parliament has recently forwarded a copy of the resolution received by him from Kiram Kash Union, Udhampur (J & K) regarding representation made